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Arts College for Tanjore

* 1224 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representation recently from the College Committee, Tanjore, asking for financial help to open an Arts College at Tanjore; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" (*a*) The District Planning Board, Tanjore, requested the Government to sanction a grant towards the capital cost of starting a college at Tanjore.

(*b*) The Board was informed that the request for a non-recurring grant towards the capital cost of starting a first grade colleges in Tanjore was not admissible, and therefore could not be complied with. It was also informed that the question of sanctioning building and equipment grant for the college would be considered only after the college had been granted affiliation by the University of Madras and the college had actually started functioning."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM:—" The Government may not be pleased to make any grant but the College Committee has applied for diversion of funds from another department. The re-opening date of the college is fast approaching. The other day, the Hon. the Minister in reply to a question said that there was some difficulty in that the District Board is bargaining for seats. The District Board might have passed the resolution under the impression that the Government will constitute a committee. If the Government propose to form a committee, they can straightway advise the Collector to form it so that the District Board also may have its quota. Then, legislation has to be brought in for diverting funds for the use of the college. Will the Government, therefore, expedite all this work? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—" There has been a certain amount of misunderstanding. With regard to the management of the college, the Government have nothing to do with it as such. I think a society has been registered under the Societies Registration Act and that society will be in charge of the management of the college hereafter. It has applied for affiliation to the University and it is the University which is the authority to grant such affiliation. I think the college has to secure an endowment of some five lakhs of rupees or so which is the amount prescribed for a first-grade college. In this connection, a reference was made to the District Board, Tanjore, for diverting the Chatram funds for creating an endowment for the college but unfortunately it made a condition that in case of diversion, fifty per cent of the seats on the committee should be given to it. After the hon. Member put the question the other day and I answered it, the matter has been clarified and the District Board has agreed to

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reconsider the resolution. I have advised the Department to bring in legislation early in April so that it may be possible for us to create the endowment in good time. I may however inform the hon. Member that the endowment is not necessary at the very beginning. The University authorities may be informed that action is being taken by the Government in this regard and that pending final action, temporary affiliation may be granted.''

Tamil students of the Anantapur Engineering College

* 1225 *Q.*—Sri D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any representation from the Tamil students in the Anantapur Engineering College to take them back to Madras State Colleges;

(*b*) the action taken by the Government; and

(*c*) whether the Government have ascertained which University would conduct the Examination and award the Degree to those Tamil students in that Engineering College?

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' (*a*) Yes, Sir.

'' (*b*) & (*c*) The matter is under consideration of the Government.''

Sri D. KRISHNAMURTHY GOUNDER :—'' அனந்தபூர் இன்ஜீனிரிங் கல்லூரியில் படிக்கும் தமிழ் மாணவர்களை அடுத்த ஆண்டிலாவது நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்தில் உள்ள கல்லூரிகளில் சேர்த்துக் கொள்ளமுடியுமா ? அவர்களுக்கு இப்பொழுது உபகாரச் சம்பளம் கொடுக்கப்பட்டு வருகின்றதா ? ''

The Hon. Sri R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' Yes, Sir. We are taking steps to get them transferred to Guindy and Coimbatore and our University has been approached in this regard.''

Lignite Mines, Neyveli

* 1226 *Q.*—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether an Experts Committee under a British Engineer has submitted in 1954 a plan for working the Lignite Mines at Neyveli; and

(*b*) if so, what is its recommendation with regard to the purchasing of machinery for the mines and its cost?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' (*a*) A British Firm of Consulting Engineers by name Powell Duffryn Technical Services, Limited, London, submitted about the middle of November 1954, a report on the possibilities of mining, utilization and processing of South Arcot lignite.